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n.

- a. A line that deviates from straightness in a smooth, continuous fashion.
- b. A surface that deviates from planarity in a smooth, continuous fashion.
- c. Something characterized by such a line or surface, especially a rounded line or contour of the human body.
- d. A line representing data on a graph.
- e. A trend derived from or as if from such a graph: *"Once again, the politicians are behind the curve"* (Ted Kennedy).
- f. The graph of a function on a coordinate plane.
- g. The intersection of two surfaces in three dimensions.
- h. The graph of the solutions to any equation of two variables.
2. A relatively smooth bend in a road or other course.
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4. A graphic representation showing the relative performance of individuals as measured against each other, used especially as a method of grading students in which the assignment of grades is based on predetermined proportions of students.
5. *Mathematics*
 - a. The graph of a function on a coordinate plane.
 - b. The intersection of two surfaces in three dimensions.
 - c. The graph of the solutions to any equation of two variables.
6. *Baseball* A curve ball.
7. *Slang* Something that is unexpected or designed to trick or deceive.

v. curved, curv·ing, curves

v. *intr.*To move in or take the shape of a curve: *The path curves around the lake.*v. *tr.*

2. *Baseball* To pitch a curve ball to.
3. To grade (students, for example) on a curve.

[From Middle English, *curved*, from Latin *curvus*; see *sker-*² in Indo-European roots. N., sense 6, short for curve ball.]

curv'ed · ness *n.*, curv'y *adj.*

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curved

adjective

having or marked by a curve or smoothly rounded bend; "the curved tusks of a walrus"; "his curved lips suggested a smile but his eyes were hard" {ant: straight}

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curved *adjective*

Example: a curved blade

Arabic: مقوّس

Chinese (Simplified): 弯曲的

Chinese (Traditional): 彎曲的

Czech: zkroucený,
zakřivený

Danish: krum; buet; kurvet

Dutch: gekromd

Estonian: kaardus

Finnish: kaareva

French: courbé

German: gekrümmt

Greek: κυρτός

Hungarian: görbe

Icelandic: bogadreginn,
sveigður

Indonesian: melengkung

Italian: curvo

Japanese: 曲線状の

Korean: 꺾은

Latvian: izliekts

Lithuanian: (iš)lenktas

Norwegian: buet, bueformet,
krum

Polish: zakrzywiony

Portuguese (Brazil): curvo

Portuguese (Portugal): curvo

Romanian: curbat

Russian: изогнутый

Slovak: skrútený

Slovenian: ukrivljen

Spanish: curvo, encorvado

Swedish: böjd, krökt,
svängd

Turkish: eğri

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